

# Cuban Intrigue Boiling in Miami

## As Castro Foes Step Up Efforts

**More Men Leaving Each Night for Camps  
—Officials for a Military Government  
to Follow—Regime's Spies Active**

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MIAMI, April 7.—This is a city of open secrets and rampant rumors for the legions of so-called Cubans who plot the downfall of Premier Fidel Castro and his regime.

Men come and go quietly on their secret missions of sabotage and gun-running into Cuba, while others assemble at staging points here to be flown at night to military camps in Guatemala and Louisiana.

Since a mobilization order was issued ten days ago by the Revolutionary Council, which is the high command of the anti-Castro forces, contingents of men have been leaving here nightly for the camps of the new revolutionary army.

They will be followed next week by professional men and intellectuals who are to be concentrated at an undisclosed spot in the Caribbean area to prepare to serve as Military Government officials if the revolutionaries gain a foothold on Cuban soil.

### Beachhead Is Objective

The proclaimed objective of the Revolutionary Council, which united all the anti-Castro factions, but excludes all those with past connections with Fulencio Batista's fallen dictatorship, is to gain a beachhead in Cuba to set up a "Government in Arms" and then request diplomatic recognition by foreign nations.

Tonight a group of experienced officers, all closely identified with Dr. Castro's 1957-58 revolution against the Batista regime, were among the men departing for camps in Central America.

Led by Capt. Napoleon Becquer, they are the former officers of Maj. Huber Matos, once one of Dr. Castro's top field commanders, who is now serving a thirty-year prison sentence for having tried to resign from the army in October, 1959, in protest against the Communist infiltration of the Castro regime.

Captain Becquer and his companions were arrested and sentenced at the same time, but they escaped from Havana's Morro Castle prison last year.

Cuban leaders here emphasized that the presence of Major Matos' companions in the new revolutionary army is further evidence of the inaccuracy of Castro's charges that his enemies are mercenaries or agents of the defunct Batista regime.

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intrigue reminiscent of wartime Lisbon or Stockholm.

But the appearance of normalcy within the Cuban community in Miami is patently maintained. A Cuban radio commentator here protested angrily on his program this morning that United States journalists had begun to report the quickening movement of men to the camps.

The departures are discussed openly and the Miami newspapers refer to the activities in the camps.

Families and friends gather to bid farewell to the soldiers, who assemble at night at certain Miami buildings. The men are given khaki uniforms, then put aboard trucks to be driven to abandoned Florida airfields where unmarked aircraft are waiting to fly them to Central America.

### Florida Camps Closing

The few remaining camps and instruction centers in Florida are being closed. The building in Coral Gables that has served as the general staff headquarters of the military forces is to be given up soon.

As the preparations quicken, the rumors and the hopes rise along the Miami streets where Spanish is heard as often as English.

The difficulties of any operation against the Castro regime tend to be minimized as the reports of sabotage in Cuba and of the preparations here mount daily.

There has been a noticeable increase in sabotage and subversion in Cuba since last week. A sugar mill was burned down Wednesday, a bomb was exploded in a Havana department store today and an unlight broke out in Santiago earlier in the week.

But experts watching the situation were most interested in an attempted Navy plot at the Cienfuegos and Baracoa Naval Bases last week-end.

### PT Boats Wanted

Unconfirmed reports that the object of the twin risings was to steal fast patrol torpedo (PT) boats, many of them purchased in East Germany, from Dr. Castro. The regime uses them to patrol the coast against an attack or landing of saboteurs.

Several of the PT boats succeeded in escaping, but action by Castro forces in the larger conspiracy.

Observers found in the presence of the ship Western Union, said to

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